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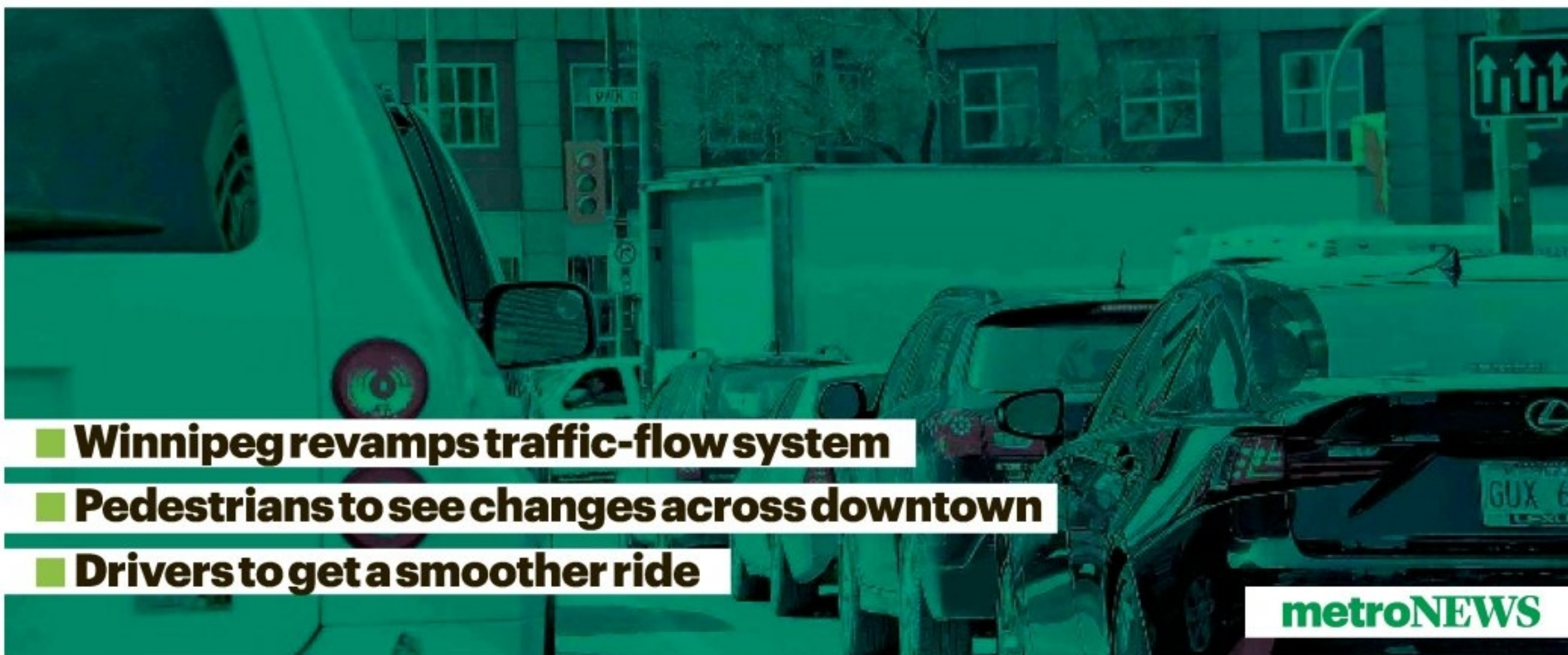
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NAIRN AVENUE

Cyclist dies in early morning hit and run

A 38-year-old cyclist was taken to hospital and pronounced dead Tuesday morning after being hit by a car.

Police were called to the 900 block of Nairn Avenue at about 12:55 a.m.

The cyclist was travelling eastbound in the curb lane with another person when he

was hit, police said.

The vehicle then fled the scene. Police are looking for a dark-coloured Subaru. No model information has been released.

Anyone with information is being asked to contact Winnipeg police.

EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO



The scene on Keewatin Street late Monday.

SHAUN MCLEOD/FOR METRO

KEEWATIN STREET

Two pedestrians hit at intersection

A car travelling north on Keewatin Street hit two pedestrians — a 56-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman — crossing at Pacific Avenue, police said. The crash happened at about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

The man was taken to hos-

pital in critical condition and the woman was treated and released.

Police said the driver stopped at the scene and isn't expected to face charges.

The investigation is ongoing. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO

CRIME

Man is arrested in Redwood homicide

A woman found dead in the 500 block of Redwood Avenue has been identified and charges have been laid against her accused killer, police said.

Kevin Klassen, 37, is charged with second-degree murder, failure to comply with a protection order and failure to comply with a probation order.

Christine Stoyko, 39, was

found dead in her home on Saturday morning.

Stoyko put the protection order in place that Klassen is accused of breaching, police confirmed.

The two were in a domestic relationship.

A cause of death has not been released.

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Simone Sanderson was found dead on Sept. 2, 2012, several days after she went missing. CONTRIBUTED

Man charged with murder in 2012 case

SIMONE SANDERSON

Police say 23-year-old died of blunt force trauma



Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

An arrest has been made in the Simone Sanderson homi-

cide investigation.

Kylian Ellis, 28, of Lorette, has been charged with second-degree murder, police announced Tuesday. Deputy Chief Danny Smyth said Ellis was known to exploit women in the sex trade but wouldn't comment on if Sanderson was sexually assaulted.

Sanderson's body was discovered Sep. 2, 2012, covered by cardboard in an empty lot near Main Street and Burrows Avenue. Blunt force trauma

was the cause of death, and police believe the 23-year-old was killed during an argument.

Investigators have been working the case for more than three years and said no single factor led to the arrest. But, information from the public was critical, they said.

Officers are in the process of comparing DNA samples from Ellis with those collected within the first year of their investigation, they said Tues-

day. The search for a two-door car mentioned previously in the Sanderson case matches a car in Ellis' possession, police said.

No more suspects are being sought, and police allege Ellis acted alone.

Police used the arrest as an opportunity to stress that it's time to stand with Winnipeg's indigenous community and denounce violence.

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Details emerge in Colony Street slaying

Four people have been arrested in connection with what Winnipeg police are calling a homicide at an apartment building at 177 Colony St.

Police were called to the address at about 12:30 p.m. Monday for a well-being check.

A man in his 40s was found bleeding from the head, Const. Rob Carver said.

He was taken to hospital where he later died.

Police would not say if a weapon was used.

Silvia McKay, 39, Kirby Crow, 28, Dennis Baptiste, 30, and Rachel Little, 32, have all been charged with manslaughter.

"I've never seen anybody beaten that badly," one resident of the building told Metro, describing what he saw as paramedics brought the victim out on a stretcher.

"You couldn't tell what were his eyes, what was his nose — you couldn't identify the person," another added. "He was in really bad shape. I felt

bad for him."

Police said the people accused of the crime and the victim knew each other, and they had been spending time together before the assault, which police believe took place over a period of time.

Multiple residents of the building told Metro there was evidence of a party.

The man who was killed had only lived in the building for a month, neighbours said.

EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO



Police were still considering 177 Colony St. a crime scene Tuesday with officers sitting inside and outside the building. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO



Bingo lived in a van and had a litter of puppies. They all died except one. CONTRIBUTED



Katie Powell, front left, with her team from Save A Dog Network. CONTRIBUTED



Above: Mend and Taylor have lived outside for almost all of their very young lives. They're heading to Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter where they'll be up for adoption. CONTRIBUTED
Right: Merle is a big fellow, but he's laid back and likes hanging out with other dogs. He'll hang at the Dog Loft until a rescue is found. CONTRIBUTED



Rescue group flying north to save dogs

ANIMAL WELFARE

Network gives medical care, helps control population



Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg's Save A Dog Network has started flying into northern communities to help combat dog overpopulation.

The group just returned from a weekend trip that saw network founder Katie Powell load up two planes and set out for York Landing First Nation, a Cree community just

north of Thompson.

They first visited the community in November, picking up 84 unwanted dogs and bringing them back to Winnipeg where rescues could adopt them into homes.

Then, they returned in January to vaccinate all the community's dogs.

The latest trip saw 40 dogs and two cats spayed and neutered. Eight more unwanted dogs were removed from the community.

"There were so many dogs, and this community only has 350 to 400 (people), at most," said Powell.

She said it was about a one-to-two ratio of dogs to humans before the network arrived.

"Which is scary, especial-

“There were so many dogs, and this community only has 350 to 400 (people), at most.”

Katie Powell

ly because the dogs weren't owned," Powell said.

She said dogs roam either to find a mate or look for food, which is what can lead to situations like the mauling of a child in Lac Brochet earlier this month.

"From both a public health and animal welfare standpoint, it's important to be providing veterinary care to these com-

munities. Children get bitten by these stray dogs. People can contract rabies as a result of stray dogs roaming," said Dr. Jonas Watson, a volunteer vet with the net-work.

Powell said her group isn't done.

"If we can keep up on this, keep the community interested in continuing to do fundraisers and being involved in the community, to be there for them as well as fix dogs that are new in the community, I think we have a good chance of tackling this," she said.

Her group will also be flying into other communities that ask for help and hopes to showcase this as a humane alternative to dog culls.



Little orphan Salle had a rough start to life, but Bingo adopted her and she'll be at Save a Dog until a rescue is found. CONTRIBUTED

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City to look at risky intersections

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tests explore how warning signs may help reduce danger



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

City council is expected to put the finishes touches this week on a deal to study the impact of marking and monitoring intersections that see a lot of crashes.

In January, the city and Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) announced Winnipeg's 10 most-collision-prone intersections and put up signs to alert drivers.

The impact of the signs will be studied over the next two years.

Brian Smiley, MPI spokesman, said the signs function as a "visual reminder for drivers to slow down, and more importantly, not to follow too close."

Rear-end collisions accounted for more than 50

per cent of 9,617 crashes in the five worst intersections studied over a 10-year period.

So far, Smiley said, the signs have "raised a lot of awareness."

But the city wants to understand the effect that awareness has on accident rates.

The agreement between MPI and the city commenced in December 2015 and continues until Jan. 31, 2018, during what Smiley calls a pilot project.

For the first year — beginning in mid-January 2016 — the Winnipeg Police Service agreed to provide visible police enforcement at designated intersections, according to an administrative report.

To cover the cost of the enforcement, MPI will provide up to \$500,000.

The police may choose to use a portion of the MPI funding for research and analysis, according to a report headed to council.

The item will be voted on at Wednesday's regular council meeting.

+ BAD SPOTS

These are the city's five worst intersections for crashes and the number of crashes over a 10-year study period.

■ **Leila and McPhillips:** 2,326

■ **Kenaston and McGillivray:** 2,298

■ **Kenaston and Grant:** 1,747

■ **Lagimodiere and Regent:** 1,700

■ **Bishop Grandin and St. Mary's:** 1,546



The city is studying the efficacy of signs like this one at Kenaston Boulevard and McGillivray Boulevard. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO



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Giving birth as a man: A memoir

GENDER

Transgender father writes about process he experienced



Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

It's not common knowledge that men can have babies and breastfeed. But, Trevor MacDonald wants it to be.

MacDonald is a trans man who gave birth to his two children, who are now six years old and eighteen months.

"Because I had chest surgery, I produce a small amount of milk but not a full milk supply, so we had a lot of amazing, amazing parents donate milk, actually for both our kids now," said MacDonald.

As he and his husband drove around Winnipeg picking up donated milk, they

realized that what they were doing would make a great story. So, MacDonald started writing his book, *Where's the Mom?*, set to be released May 24.

The book covers MacDonald's transition, pregnancy and experiences of breastfeeding and finding milk donors.

"I think I wanted to try to get across to people what it really felt like to have this experience of giving birth and breastfeeding as a trans man," he said. "I wanted to provide a real window into that whole experience."

He has a lot of well-intentioned allies, but they don't always understand the right way to treat him or to help. The book, he said, could be part of the answer.

But, putting it together wasn't always easy.

"Sometimes it was hard to go back to moments that had been difficult, but I felt I wanted to explain and wanted

"I wanted to try to get across ... this experience of giving birth and breastfeeding as a trans man."

Trevor MacDonald

to share," he said.

In particular, having to ask people to donate breast milk for his babies was hard and awkward.

On his blog, Milk Junkies, MacDonald often gets questions from people about being trans and pregnant. The book's one way he can answer a lot of those questions in one place.

"I hope that it will lead to a lot more conversations and maybe create some more space for people to be able to talk about trans identities," he said.

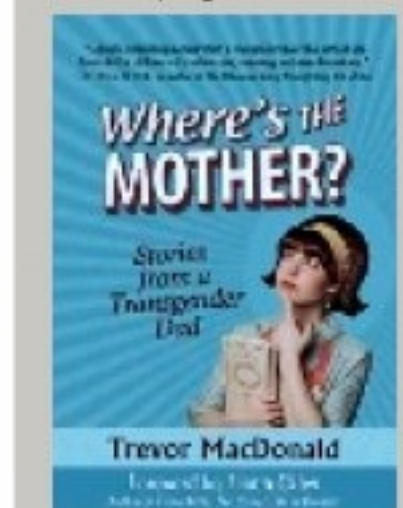


Trevor MacDonald's *Where's the Mom?* will be released May 24. In the meantime, you can check out more of his writing and insight at milkjunkies.net. CONTRIBUTED

IN HIS WORDS

Trevor MacDonald has been asked a lot of questions about giving birth as a man. And, he has some short-form advice for what not to ask a pregnant transgender person. It goes something like this:

1. Have you had surgery "down there"?
2. Are you going to keep the baby?
3. How do you know this is safe?
4. Did you enjoy the process of making your baby?
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OVERHAUL

Better lights may mean less waiting

Removing the push-to-cross buttons from downtown is just one of the traffic tweaks engineers have made in the first few months of 2016.

They've also changed the timing of traffic lights on McPhillips Street, Route 90 and Broadway, to name a few.

"Changes you see in the downtown traffic are due to timing reviews these guys did on the downtown area," Winnipeg traffic signal engineer Michael Cantor said.

"Drivers will notice timings are much more suitable ... (with) much better progression along these routes. The lights will be more synchronized for the traffic patterns, for example."

One project underway involves skewing light times to

favour eastbound traffic on Portage Avenue in the morning and westbound traffic during the after-work rush hour.

Cantor expects to hit "every major route" with a review and make adjustments before the new traffic centre opens.

He said the work is part of an ongoing process that will yield better data and continuously improve traffic flows throughout the city.

"Traffic changes in time, every few years we can count the vehicles, take that information into modelling software, model the route and determine modern timings more suitable for traffic," he said.

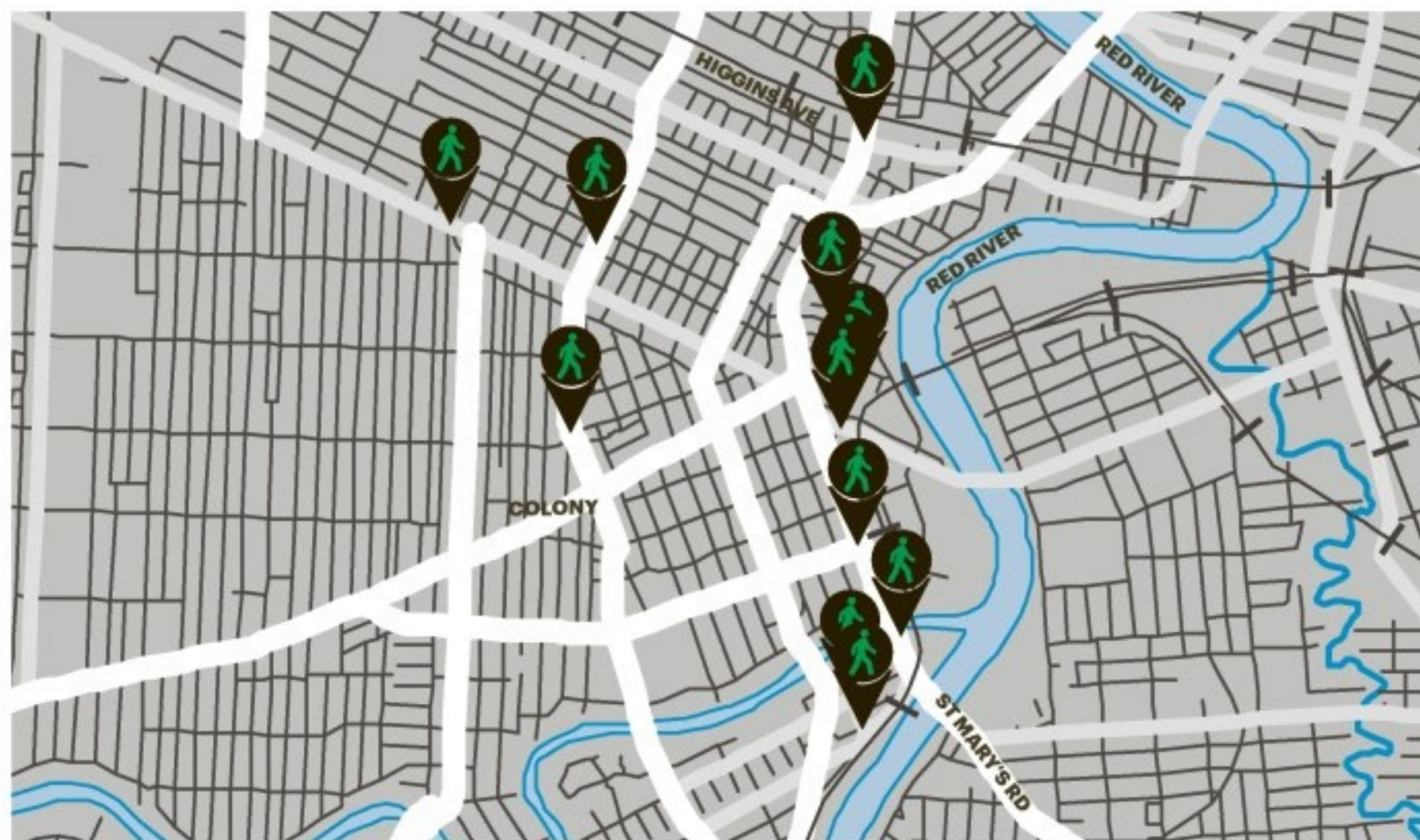
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Michael Cantor



Traffic lights custom-programmed to suit specific intersections will keep drivers moving more briskly during peak hours, city engineers say. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO



At these intersections, pedestrians now get a walk signal on every traffic light, not just when they push a button. ANDRÉS PLANA/METRO

City gives red light to crosswalk buttons

TRAFFIC

Push-to-cross signals taken down at 12 intersections

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The city has launched the overhaul of its traffic management plan — and pedestrians are likely to be among the first to notice. Last week, the city quietly removed buttons used to control pedestrian signals at 12 intersections.

Simply put: "They were not needed anymore," said Winnipeg traffic signal engineer Michael Cantor.

That's because he and his growing traffic management team have started making changes to improve the flow of traffic in downtown and other areas.

A department of one employee has grown to five in recent months as the city gears up for big changes led by a \$3-million traffic control centre, due to open in December.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi said new staff members are "chomping at the bit to get things moving."

"They know we can do better, and you're already starting to see it," she said, noting city council

“We've known for quite a while we had very few resources in traffic management.”
Coun. Jenny Gerbasi

has wanted to improve traffic flows for "a long time."

"We've known for quite a while we had very few resources in traffic management," she said. "Where the rubber really hit the road was putting it in the budget."

"There's a lot we can do with the capacity to plan, and technol-

ogy to figure it out."

Looking at downtown, traffic engineers say removing push-to-cross button intersections reflects a change to "fixed time" traffic control programs in the area.

Now, pedestrians get the walk signal on every traffic light cycle, instead of the signal only being triggered when they hit the button.

Most intersections outside of downtown are treated differently to prevent stopping traffic unnecessarily, he said.

Gerbasi noted new pedestrian crossing-countdowns as another positive.

"I think we will keep seeing a lot more improvements going forward," she said.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is taking an unyielding approach to the ransom demands of a terrorist group. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM won't budge on terror ransom

PHILIPPINES

One Canadian still being held hostage by Abu Sayyaf group

Justin Trudeau is taking an uncompromising stance against terrorist kidnappers, vowing that Canada will never pay ransom for the release of hostages.

Moreover, he's promising to press other countries to adopt the same unyielding approach.

The prime minister took the hard line Tuesday as he wrapped up a three-day cabinet retreat that was overshadowed by the death of Canadian John Ridsdel, who was beheaded Monday by Abu Sayyaf militants in the Philippines after seven months of captivity.

Amid speculation about

whether the government might pay ransom to release two others still being held captive — Canadian citizen Robert Hall and Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, whom a government official confirmed is a permanent resident of Canada — Trudeau said he wanted "to make one thing perfectly, crystal clear."

"Canada does not and will not pay ransom to terrorists, directly or indirectly," he said.

He said it would encourage terrorists to kidnap more Canadians.

Ridsdel, 68, of Calgary, was one of four tourists — including Hall, Sekkingstad and a Filipino woman — who were kidnapped last Sept. 21 by Abu Sayyaf militants from a marina on southern Samal Island.

Some of Canada's allies, notably France and Italy, have been willing to pay ransom for release of their citizens.



John Ridsdel AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Trudeau said he spoke Tuesday with British Prime Minister David Cameron, whose country adheres to the same no-ransom policy as Canada, and they agreed to press others to do the same.

The issue of whether governments acquiesce to the demands of terror groups has long been murky, and is likely to remain an open question regardless of what Trudeau and his fellow leaders decide.

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Troops hunting extremists

The Philippine military came under increased pressure Tuesday to rescue more than 20 foreign hostages after their Muslim extremist captors beheaded a Canadian man, but troops face a dilemma in how to succeed and ensure the safety of the remaining captives.

Abu Sayyaf gunmen beheaded John Ridsdel on Monday in the southern densely forested province of Sulu, sparking condemnations and prompting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to pledge to help the Philippines pursue the extremists behind the "heinous act."

Ridsdel's head, which was placed in a plastic bag, was dumped by motorcycle-riding militants Monday night in Jolo town in impoverished Sulu, about 950 kilometres south of Manila, where the Abu Sayyaf and allied gunmen are believed to be holding 22 foreign hostages from six countries.

Trudeau said the Canadian government is committed to working with the Philippine government and international partners to "pursue those responsible for this heinous act and bring them to justice."

In past militant videos posted online, Ridsdel and fellow

Canadian Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Filipino Marites Flor were shown sitting in a clearing with heavily armed militants standing behind them.

In some of the videos, a militant aimed a long knife on Ridsdel's neck as he pleaded for his life. Two black flags with Daesh-like markings hung in the backdrop of lush foliage. The four were seized from a marina on southern Samal Island and taken by boat to Sulu, where Abu Sayyaf gunmen continue to hold several captives.

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Couple guilty in son's meningitis death



Ezekiel Stephan, a 19-month-old boy who died of meningitis in 2012. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Ezekiel treated for 2 1/2 weeks with home remedies

The mother of a toddler who died of meningitis began weeping uncontrollably Tuesday after a jury found her and her husband guilty of failing to provide

their ill son with the necessities of life.

David and Collet Stephan were charged after 19-month-old Ezekiel died in March 2012.

The couple testified at their trial in Lethbridge, Alta., that they believed their son had croup or flu, so they treated him for 2-1/2 weeks with remedies that included smoothies with hot peppers, garlic, onions and horseradish.

He eventually stopped breath-

ing and died after being rushed to hospital.

The four-man, eight-woman jury had been deliberating since Monday afternoon. There was a gasp in the courtroom as the decision from the jurors came down.

The defence argued the couple were loving, responsible parents who simply didn't realize how sick the little boy was.

The Crown said the Stephens didn't do enough to ensure

Ezekiel received the medical help he needed. The prosecution noted that the Stephens had been warned by a friend who was a registered nurse that the boy probably had meningitis.

The maximum penalty for failing to provide the necessities of life is five years in prison.

A sentencing date will be decided at a court appearance on June 13. The Stephens were not taken into custody.

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U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Clinton hints she may copy Trudeau

Justin Trudeau's gender-equal cabinet could soon be replicated in the United States, depending on the outcome of the current American election.

The poll-leading presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, appeared to indicate her intention to follow suit when asked about it in a televised event on the eve of Tuesday's five northeastern primaries.

A moderator had asked about the federal cabinet to the north: "Canada has a new prime minister, Justin Trudeau. He promised when he took office that he would have a cabinet that was 50 per cent women, and then he did it. He made good on his promise. Would you make that same pledge?"

Clinton suggested she would: "I am going to have a cabinet that looks like America, and 50 per cent of America is women, right?" That prompted the MSNBC moderator, Rachel Maddow, to conclude, "So that's

a yes?"

Canada's gender-balanced cabinet has got a fair bit of attention in the U.S., fuelled partly by how the prime minister responded to a question about it with a shoulder shrug and the sound bite: "Because it's 2015."

But in reality, Canada didn't blaze that particular trail.

Finland's cabinet is 62 per cent female; Cape Verde's is 53 per cent; Sweden's is 52 per cent; and France's is 50 per cent, according to last year's statistics from the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Even within Canada, the first gender-parity cabinet was created not by Trudeau — but by the former premier in Trudeau's home province of Quebec, Jean Charest.

Republican front-runner Donald Trump has also been asked about the Canadian cabinet — and he won't commit to copying the Trudeau formula.

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I am going to have a cabinet that looks like America, and 50 per cent of America is women.

Hillary Clinton

IN BRIEF

Ensure services for First Nations kids, feds ordered

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal has ordered the federal government to immediately enact a policy that would provide services to First Nations children to ensure their health and welfare doesn't get caught up in red tape. It also called on the federal Department of Indigenous Affairs to report back within two weeks to confirm the policy — based on a doctrine known as Jordan's Principle — has been implemented.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Too many indigenous youth in justice system, data shows

Figures from the Justice Department paint a dark picture of the state of indigenous incarceration, with aboriginal youth seriously overrepresented in the criminal justice system. Data provided by the department to brief Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould says indigenous youth account for only seven per cent of the overall population, but make up 41 per cent of those entering the justice system.

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Trump fired up in sweep

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner takes five states in big blow to his GOP rivals

Donald Trump swept all five Republican primaries Tuesday, a commanding showing across the Northeast that keeps the Republican front-runner on his narrow path to the GOP nomination. Hillary Clinton was dominant in Democratic contests in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

At press time, Clinton and rival Bernie Sanders were locked in a close race in Connecticut, while the Vermont senator had an edge in Rhode Island, according to early vote counts.

Clinton aimed to emerge from Tuesday's contests on the brink of becoming the first woman nominated by a major party. She's already increasingly looking past Sand-

ers, even as the senator vows to stay in the race until primary voting ends in June.

Sanders spent Tuesday campaigning in West Virginia, where he drew several thousand people to a lively evening rally.

He urged his supporters to recognize that they are "powerful people if you choose to exercise that power."

Still, there were some signs that Sanders' campaign was coming to grips with his difficult position. Top aide Tad Devine said that after Tuesday's results were known, "we'll decide what we're going to do going forward."

Trump's victories padded his delegate totals, yet the Republican contest remains chaotic. The businessman is the only candidate left in the three-person race who could possibly clinch the nomination through the regular voting process, yet he could still fall short of the 1,237 delegates he needs.

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Dayko, a four-year-old Labrador with the City of Ibarra Fire Department, died from a heart attack following an earthquake rescue mission. CITY OF IBARRA FIRE DEPARTMENT VIA FACEBOOK



EARTHQUAKE

Ecuador's hero dog dies suddenly



Rebecca Williams
Metro | Toronto

A rescue dog who died following a mission that saved eight people after Ecuador's devastating earthquake is being hailed a hero.

The City of Ibarra Fire Department announced Dayko,

a four-year-old Labrador, suffered a heart attack caused by heatstroke last week.

"Dayko captivated us all with his tender look and his friendly nature," the department wrote on Facebook. "Dayko has left a big void in the canine unit ... and in each one of those who knew him."

Dayko was part of a successful rescue operation in

Pedernales following Ecuador's 7.8 magnitude earthquake that has so far killed 650 people.

"This friend of four legs gave his life in the line of duty," the fire department wrote. "Thank you Dayko for your heroic efforts in Pedernales and in various emergencies to which you came," wrote the fire department.



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Third wave of migrants is sent back to Turkey

GREECE

Ferries carry 49 refugees from Greek islands

Dozens of migrants arrived in Turkey on Tuesday, Turkish officials said, as part of a migration deal with the European Union meant to stem the flow of people heading to Europe's prosperous heartland.

Ferries carrying a total of 49 migrants from the Greek islands of Kos, Chios and Lesbos reached the Turkish port towns of Gulluk, Cesme and Dikili, according to Turkish news agencies and an official at Dikili.

According to the deal finalized last month, Turkey will take back migrants who reached Greece after March 20, unless they successfully apply for asylum in Greece. For every Syrian among those returned, Europe has pledged



Girls play inside a tent at a makeshift camp at the Greek-Macedonian border near Idomeni on Tuesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

to take a Syrian refugee directly from Turkey to be resettled in an EU country.

Tuesday's group, from Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Myanmar, was the third wave of migrants to be returned to Turkey.

As part of the deal, some refugee camps on the east-

ern Aegean Greek islands have been turned into closed detention centres holding those who face potential deportation.

One of those is Moria camp on Lesbos, where a protest broke out Tuesday during a visit there by the Greek migration affairs minister and a Dutch official.

A Greek official said Ioannis Mouzalas was visiting the camp with Dutch junior justice minister Klaas Dijkhoff when migrants began shouting "freedom" and "open the borders," and banging metal objects. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with department regulations.

Police said the unrest began in the section housing unaccompanied teenagers, with protesters starting fires by burning trash. Riot police were on standby outside the camp, police said, adding that the situation was tense but under control.

Dijkhoff, whose country currently holds the EU's rotating presidency, was visiting Greece to check on progress of implementing the EU-Turkey deal.

The agreements "offer perspective, but their success can't be taken for granted. It is of the utmost importance that member states live up to their side of the deals," Dijkhoff said in a statement released before the protest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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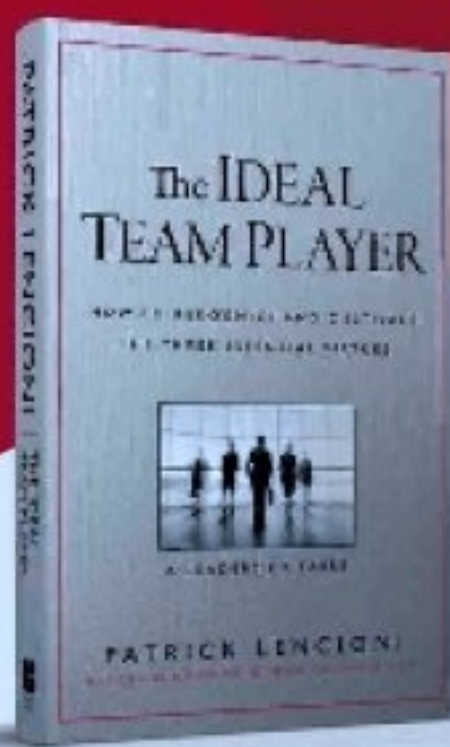
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HOUSING

Millennials increasingly considering co-buying

When Jeremy Campbell purchased a house in Ladner, B.C., with his sister and her husband in 2010, it was meant to be a temporary arrangement until he could upgrade to a place of his own.

"The initial plan was to do this short term just to get into the market," says Campbell, who covered one third of the down payment on a 2,000 square-foot home that's split into two suites. But with home prices in the Lower Mainland's hot real estate market soaring, Campbell says they're thinking of staying put.

"We'll invest in the house to expand it versus selling and going our separate ways," says Campbell, noting that a renovation is needed to accommodate the growing family, which now includes his fiancée, their new dog and his three-year-old niece.

Experts say an increasing number of first-time homebuyers are



From right: Jeremy Campbell with his fiancée Holly Foran and dog, Ryan and Christina Ingham and their two-year-old daughter Regan. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

contemplating arrangements like Campbell's as sky-high prices in markets such as Toronto and Vancouver have eroded affordability.

A recent RBC poll found that roughly one in four millennials would consider purchasing a home with a friend — up from only 11.7 per cent the previous year.

The number of young buyers

who would consider going in on the purchase with a family member was 24 per cent, up from 14.7 per cent in 2015, the survey said.

In addition to higher prices, premiums for mortgage default insurance have risen, presenting an additional obstacle for first-time buyers, Nielsen adds.

The online survey of 2,000

Canadians was conducted by Ipsos on RBC's behalf between Jan. 28 and Feb. 4.

While many co-purchases involve both parties living together in the home, that isn't always the case.

When Richard Wiebe bought a \$340,000 two-storey house in Toronto's east end with a close friend in 2012, they each paid

25%

An RBC poll found that roughly one in four millennials would consider purchasing a home with a friend, and 24% would consider buying with family.

half of the down payment and agreed to split the cost of all of expenses and any capital gains when they sell.

But only Wiebe lives in the home. For his friend, the transaction is purely an investment.

"It's an awesome way to get into the market sooner without having to find 'The One.'"

Experts caution that such arrangements come with risks.

"When you purchase an asset together, it's basically like starting a business together," says Chantel Chapman, financial fitness coach at online lender Mogo Finance Technology.

"There are going to be points in time where things might not be amazing, and you need to account for that."

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COFFEE

Starbucks launches emojis

Starbucks has released an emoji keyboard app, in order to "add a little personality to email, texts or Facebook messages."

The Starbucks-based emojis include Frappuccinos, iced teas, coffees and even a purple "sip-face" unicorn. New emojis will be added throughout the year.

Starbucks has been enjoying success of late with its mobile order and pay app, which is now responsible for 10% of orders at the brand's busiest stores.

The keyboard is available (for both iOS and Android) as a free download on Apple's App Store and the Google Play Store. AFP

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON PLAGIARISM

Wente's putative wrongdoing is not on the scale of Jonah Lehrer's or Benny Johnson's, but the allegations are serious and numerous. So why the Globe's kid gloves? Perhaps it's because Wente is, well, Wente.

Exhaustive the Globe's response is not.

After columnist Margaret Wente was again accused of plagiarism this week, the Globe and Mail issued a correction, an apology and a promise it won't be repeated.

All three appeared in a story, which Walrus editor Jonathan Kay noted reads more like a press release, bylined by the public editor Sylvia Stead. A public editor is intended to be an arm's length arbiter of media ethics, which is why a corporate-response-esque piece strikes as odd.

Odd, too, is the fact that while Stead's article quotes liberally from the Globe's code of conduct on plagiarism (which is wide-ranging and vague about what "may" constitute plagiarism) neither Stead, nor the single quote from editor-in-chief David Walmsley, actually uses the word. Instead, euphemisms abound: "similarities," "issue," "without acknowledging," "same phrase... repeated," "fell short of standards," "did not attribute" and "mistakes." Nor did Wente's name appear in the printed correction.

As for what this, Wente's second plagiarism scandal in four years, requires in terms of action by the Globe, we have this promise from Walmsley: "The Opinion team will be working with Peggy to ensure this cannot happen again."

It's good business to appear to be ethically beyond reproach, but it's bad business to lose your golden calves

That would be again, again.

Let's assume we won't be getting a second column-of-defence from Wente, since what's the point in repeating herself. "I'm far from perfect. I make mistakes. But I'm not a serial plagiarist," she wrote in 2012.



STURDY SUCCESS Globe and Mail columnist Margaret Wente is among Canada's most widely read writers despite two high-profile accusations of plagiarism in four years. HANDOUT

But for the Globe, there are other options than "working with" a writer. And if the paper-most-hoping-to-be-the-New-York-Times wants to be taken seriously on this, it should pick one.

On the harsh end: The Vancouver Province fired a sports columnist in 2008 after he lifted a phrase about Guys and Dolls from Sports Illustrated magazine. Despite the writer's repeated apologies (akin to "Ms. Wente said she deeply regrets these mistakes"), the Province did not budge.

The Times has responded to allegations of plagiarism by its writers with investigations, to varying outcomes (resignations, months-later buyouts).

Among the most exhaustive reactions to plagiarism was Wired magazine's hiring of an outside journalist to chart wrongs in the work of science writer Jonah Lehrer; and BuzzFeed's review of more than 500 posts by Benny Johnson.

Wente's putative wrong-

doing is not on the scale of Lehrer's or Johnson's, but the allegations are serious and numerous (Canadaland counted six in recent columns). So why the Globe's kid gloves? Perhaps it's because Wente is, well, Wente. She's among the country's most read — and most hate-read — writers. And in the age of media fracturing, a name that draws readers and spurs debate is only rising in value.

So perhaps the Globe's response is tailor-made for a seemingly priceless pundit. Standing behind Wente does appear to be worth more, financially speaking, than offering the public the appearance of a thorough going-over of the

allegations. At any rate, it's hard to imagine a lowly intern who clipped whole sentences from other writers getting the same loyal treatment.

And: Would other legacy media brands act any differently to accusations against their crown jewels? I'm not claiming they would; I'm genuinely wondering. Because while it's good business to appear to be ethically beyond reproach, it's bad business to lose your golden calves.

Possible double-standards are elsewhere in this fiasco, too. We know about the allegations because the media critic Carol Wainio has been combing through Wente's work for years, posting her findings intermittently on her blog, Media Culpa. You have to wonder how many other infractions by other writers we're unaware of, thanks to the lack of a dedicated sleuth.

It's also clear by the glee on Twitter that many — and many in the media — love nothing more than a good, juicy Wente controversy. She got one thing absolutely right when she said in 2012 "what I often am is a target for people who don't like what I write."

I've often wondered if they also don't like that she's a woman, since right-wing male voices don't typically elicit the same vitriol. A hate-on for Peggy feels like the admission price to progressive Canada, and progressive Canadian media. Would the scandal be quite so ... titillating ... if it had another villain?

Perhaps, perhaps not. But I see no holier-than-thous in Wente's second brush with scandal.



Trudeau finally arrives at usefully angry response to terror



Tim Harper

Sometimes you've got to be pissed off.

Justin Trudeau got there this week as his response to terrorism continues its remarkable evolution.

The prime minister sounded legitimately angry over the horrible death of Canadian John Ridsdel at the hands of terrorists, and resolute in his statement that this country will not pay terrorist ransoms — directly or indirectly.

Trudeau did not bow to the knee-jerk reaction that some of his opponents urge, he did not send in the JTF2 or pledge to carpet-bomb terrorist strongholds, but sometimes a country needs a leader to channel anger and surely there was anger — along with sympathy for Ridsdel's family and friends — over the brutal and senseless killing of an innocent Canadian.

Trudeau called it what it was, "cold-blooded murder," a substantive change in tone from a man who, since becoming Liberal leader, has often appeared to be overshooting in his quest to provide perspective and undershooting on the question of outrage.

The no-ransom policy is noble and correct. And risky. This is, in fact, a major testing of a prime minister barely six months into his job. The fate of a second Canadian being held, 50-year-old Robert Hall, hangs in the balance.

Trudeau has downplayed the fear spread by terror attacks, but since becoming Liberal leader in 2013, he has

taken on the role of amateur psychologist, appeared shaken, and seemed devoid of genuine outrage.

In his first substantive interview after winning the Liberal leadership three years ago, bombs had just killed three and maimed more than 200 at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, and Trudeau spoke of "root causes" of terror with the CBC's Peter Mansbridge, leading Stephen Harper to accuse him of "rationalizing" terror attacks.

In many ways, Trudeau's default position was to rise above the fray, a mien much like that of his newfound friend, Barack Obama, who, as New York Times Maureen Dowd wrote after the recent Brussels attacks, remains "too cool for school."

But there has since been an unmistakable change.

Last November, the new prime minister seemed shaken by the attacks in Paris.

"These terrorist attacks are deeply worrying and obviously unsettling to people around the world," he said, without specifically condemning them.

A few months later, following the Brussels attacks, he found his outrage.

"This cannot and will not be tolerated. Canada strongly condemns these cowardly acts."

Trudeau is no longer above the fray and he has been forced to react with resolve he lacked in 2013. But the fate of Hall largely rests with him and there can be no tougher test of a prime minister's resolve than that.

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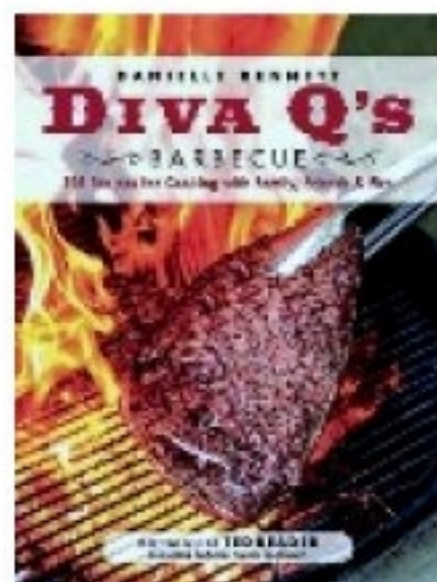
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Flank steak, made fancy



Diva Q's (a.k.a. Danielle Bennett's) backyard barbecue book is packed with simple recipes for casual, down-to-earth family food. Get started with the six recipes you need to know most, then move to chapters on appetizers, pork, bacon (Diva Q's claim to fame), beef, fowl, seafood, sides, salads, slaws, breads and desserts, that take you from the basics to the best the barbecue world has to offer.

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Flank steak is the ugly duckling of the steak world. It isn't nearly as sexy as a porterhouse, nor as attractive as a rib eye.

But what flank lacks in beauty, it sure makes up for in flavour.

Flank steak needs a marinade, but is an economical cut that can feed a lot of people when it's sliced thinly across the grain.

Rosemary-Garlic Marinated Flank Steak

Makes six servings
Prep: 20 minutes
Marinate: overnight
Cook: 10 to 12 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 flank steak (about 2 lb)
 - Sea salt for serving
- For the marinade:**
- 1 cup soy sauce
 - 1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves
 - 2 tbsp minced garlic
 - 2 tbsp sorghum syrup (see sidebar)
 - 1 tbsp granulated onion
 - 1 tbsp coarsely ground black pepper (butcher grind)

Directions:

1. Mix together all the marinade ingredients in a medium bowl. Place the



Flank steak is best served rare to medium rare. KEN GOODMAN/DIVA Q'S BARBECUE

flank steak in a 1-gallon resealable freezer bag. Pour the marinade over the flank steak, then seal the

bag, squeezing to remove as much air as possible.

2. Refrigerate overnight,

turning the bag once or twice to ensure even distribution of the marinade.

3. Prepare your grill for

SORGHUM

Although referred to as sorghum "molasses" in the southern United States, sorghum syrup is actually made from sorghum grass, not sugar cane. It's an amber, mild-flavored syrup that's slightly sweeter than true molasses. Substitute maple syrup if you can't find it.

direct cooking and preheat it to medium-high (375°F to 450°F).

4. Remove the flank steak from the marinade, discarding the remaining marinade. Grill the flank steak, turning once, until the internal temperature reaches 120°F to 130°F for rare to medium-rare, about 10 to 12 minutes. (Flank steaks can vary in thickness, so keep an eye on the steak and don't overcook it; flank is best served rare to medium-rare.)

5. Remove the flank steak from the grill, tent loosely with foil and let rest for 10 minutes. Slice thinly across the grain. I like to sprinkle the slices with sea salt just before serving.



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A potato salad you'll want to keep all to yourself

My friend Colleen would always bring a potato and chorizo salad to our potluck parties. It was so good, I'd try and put it out of reach at the back of the buffet table so there'd be leftovers. This is my grilled version of that salad that I'm now happy to share.

Grilled Potato and Chorizo Parsley Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lb mini potatoes, halved
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and finely ground black pepper to taste
- 8 oz cured sweet Portuguese chorizo
- 1 small bunch fresh flat-leaf parsley, leaves picked and finely chopped
- 3/4 cup crumbled queso fresco (Queso fresco is a soft, unripened cow's milk cheese from Mexico. Look for it in larger supermarkets or specialty cheese stores.)

Vinaigrette

- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt and finely ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Whisk together all the vinaigrette ingredients in a small glass bowl, seasoning generously with salt and pepper. Set aside.
2. Prepare your grill for direct cooking and preheat it to medium-high (375°F to 450°F).



A grilled version of a classic potato salad. KEN GOODMAN

3. Meanwhile, put the potatoes in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave on high until almost tender, about 8 minutes.

4. Add the olive oil and a generous sprinkling of salt and pepper to the potatoes and toss well.

5. Grill the potatoes and chorizo, turning often, until the potatoes are crisp on the

outside and the chorizo is reheated, 10 to 20 minutes.

6. Remove the potatoes and chorizo from the grill. Place the potatoes in a large bowl. Cut the chorizo into bite-size pieces and add to the bowl.

7. Whisk the vinaigrette. Add to the potato mixture, along with the parsley, and toss well. Season with salt and pepper to taste and scatter with queso fresco.

FRING'S

Susur Lee welcomes new chef

Toronto rapper Drake drops in for burgers and is involved in operations. Meanwhile, stars including Rihanna, Jada Pinkett Smith, Jaden Smith and Serena Williams have graced the slick dining room.

Yes, the new restaurant Fring's has quickly become a Toronto hot spot since it opened last fall.

This week it welcomed another celebrity, chef Bobby Flay.

Owner/star chef Susur Lee says Flay will be a guest chef during a six-course tasting menu event involving local and exotic ingredients.

They first met at least 20 years ago and competed against each other on the Food Network series Iron Chef in 2006 — a battle that resulted in a tie.

"He's one of those great colleagues and friends for many

Drake and Chef Susur Lee
GETTY IMAGES

years," said Lee, who was born in Hong Kong and appears on Chopped Canada as well as Asia MasterChef.

"I said, 'Hey, why don't you come down and do dinner together?' He said, 'Yeah, why not, that's cool.' It was really

casual and things happened really fast."

Lee, who's known for his fusion food, has six restaurants — five in Toronto and one in Singapore. For Fring's, he created the menu but sons Levi and Kai Bent-Lee run operations.

Drake is friends with Lee's sons and stops by Fring's whenever he's in town.

He's also rumoured to be part-owner of Fring's, but when asked whether that was true, Lee would only say he has an involvement.

"There's a lot support around that, let's put it that way," he said in a phone interview.

The Fring's menu includes a variety of dishes that are meant to be shared, from specialty toasts to small and large plates (Lee said Drake likes the Susur Burger). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ripa returns to ABC



Kelly Ripa reportedly had little warning from ABC that her co-star Michael Strahan (right), would be leaving **LIVE!** with Kelly and Michael for **Good Morning America**. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP FILE

TELEVISION

Host took brief hiatus after surprise ABC shakeup

Kelly Ripa returned to her daytime talk show Tuesday after time off to "gather (her) thoughts" after learning her co-host Michael Strahan was leaving, saying the incident had started a conversation about workplace respect.

She also said her bosses had apologized to her, and she'd received assurances that the "Live with Kelly and Michael" show

was important to the parent Walt Disney Co.

"Guys, calm down, they didn't say anything about Christmas bonuses," she joked after the audience applauded.

Ripa was reportedly upset that she learned only a few minutes before the public last Tuesday that Strahan, her co-host since 2012, was leaving in September for a full-time job with ABC's "Good Morning America." He works part-time on the morning news show now and executives there are looking for a way to turn around fading ratings.

Ripa skipped Wednesday and Thursday's show, and said she had a scheduled vacation Friday and Monday.

"I needed a couple of days to gather my thoughts," she said after returning to a standing ovation from the audience. "After 26 years with this company, I've earned that right."

She said the time helped her gain some perspective and that "apologies have been made." She didn't say who apologized and ABC officials haven't publicly admitted to blowing the transition.

"What happened was extraordinary," she said. "It started a much greater conversation about communication and consideration and, most importantly, respect in the workplace. I don't consider this a workplace. This is my second home."

The former soap opera actress

has been co-host of "Live" since 2001, first with Regis Philbin and then with Strahan. Besides the lack of communication that Ripa took issue with, the shifting of Strahan to take advantage of his popularity on "Good Morning America" sent an unmistakable message about which show was more important to ABC's bottom line.

Yet the network surely didn't anticipate the drama would play out in the media or how it would raise questions about when — or if — Ripa would return. ABC did not immediately comment Tuesday on Ripa's statements.

She walked hand-in-hand with Strahan onto the stage of her show Tuesday, and Strahan swiftly let his co-host stand alone to talk about the incident.

"I am fairly certain that there are trained professional snipers with tranquilizer darts in case I drift too far off message," said Ripa, who appeared emotionally taken aback by the audience response.

Strahan, when she was done, said he was happy Ripa was back.

"If there's one thing I know about you, you love the show, you love the staff, you love your fans and I love you," Strahan said. "You're the queen of morning television."

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2001

The year **Live with Regis and Kelly** premiered on ABC, with original hosts Kelly Ripa and Regis Philbin.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

The Ranch strains to modernize the sitcom

THE SHOW: *The Ranch*, Season 1, Episode 3 (Netflix)

THE MOMENT: The Cheerios joke

Colt (Ashton Kutcher), a failed semi-pro footballer, has come home to his family's Colorado ranch to help his father Beau (Sam Elliott) and brother Rooster (Danny Masterson). They're in their dusty front yard tossing a football.

"Rooster, go long," Colt says. "I know that trick," Rooster replies. "You tell me to go long, then you run inside and dunk your balls in my Cheerios."

"It's dinner," Colt says. "I'm not gonna dunk my sack in your hot soup. I only make that mistake once."

I can just see the meeting where this series was con-

cocted. "What if we did a traditional three-camera sitcom, like *Cheers*, filmed in front of a live studio audience, but made it potty-mouthed?" Judging by the audience's uproarious reaction to the many cracks about testicles, backsides, crabs, and this line, after Colt reaches into a cow to deliver a calf — "That's not the vagina I thought I'd be in tonight" — it's working.

The Ranch is a big 'ole slab of American apple pie. Beau is a rabid conservative.

His ex-wife Maggie (who presides over the show's other set, the local bar), is a liberal hippie. Colt is their man-boy who has to grow up.

But instead of ice cream on top, it opts for bodily fluids, in a strained effort to be modern. The way the audience hoots at groaners like the one where Rooster asks if Beau wants to watch something on Netflix, and Beau growls, "What the f— is Netflix?" proves that Peak TV isn't as sophisticated as we think.

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RECIPE

Make the Queen Bee's lemonade

By now you've all slurped up Beyoncé's *Lemonade*, her sixth studio album that premiered over the weekend. There's likely another week or so of think pieces to gloss over, be it concerning the political and racial themes behind her short film, whether Beyoncé is finally showing vulnerability beyond her ultra-restrained persona, or, most importantly, the identity of Becky With The Good Hair.

In the meantime, you can spill the tea at your next *Lemonade* viewing party with the actual lemonade recipe Beyoncé recites in the film. For the record here's the original recipe, courtesy of Beyoncé's grandmother Agnez Deréon: "Take one pint of water. Add half a pound of sugar. The juice of eight lemons. The zest of half a lemon. Pour the water from one jug then into the other several times. Strain through a clean napkin."

Here is our adapted recipe:

- 1 cup (250 mL) superfine sugar
- Juice of 8 lemons (about 1 1/2 cups/375 mL), strained of pulp and seeds
- Zest of 1/2 lemon (about 1/2



A super sweet lemonade.

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tsp/2 mL)

• Pour water, sugar, lemon juice and lemon zest into a large mixing bowl. Stir until sugar has dissolved. Strain through fine-mesh sieve into a large pitcher. Serve over ice. Makes 1L of lemonade.

The result is a very (very!) sweet lemonade that reminds us of sweet tea, so if you're not used to that level of saccharine add half the sugar first, then more to taste. This would also be good with a fistful of mint leaves and a few shots of bourbon stirred in. Enjoy, Beyhive!

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LIQUID ASSETS

Washington state is the wild west for wines

Though wine is made in every state in America, when you crunch the numbers, 90 per cent of the country's juice flows out of California. A distant second production wise, the wines from the state of Washington are fast becoming the next big thing in North America.

If Seattle is the only image you have of Washington, you'll be surprised to learn its principal wine regions (east of the Cascade Mountains) look more like the set of a Clint Eastwood spaghetti western than your typical grape-growing oasis. With plenty of water, thanks in no small part to the Columbia River, vines (especially Cabernet Sauvignon) thrive in the rustic terrain. Try Columbia Crest's 2013 H3 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$19.95-\$23.99). It's a rich, beefy red, making it a perfect partner for meaty pasta dishes.

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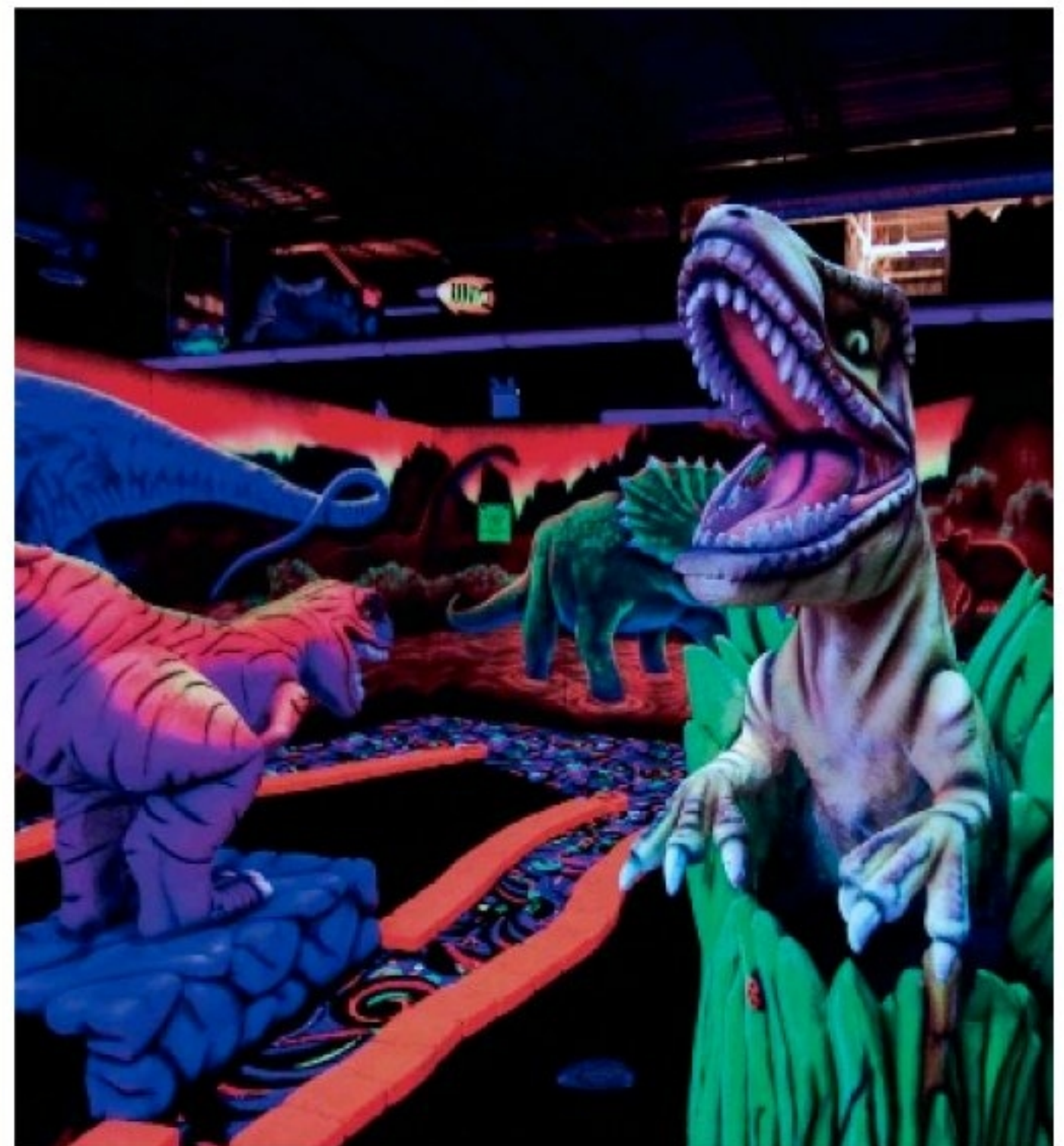
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Winnipeg weather may not always cooperate, but luckily U-Puttz Amusement Centre is guaranteed fun, rain or shine.

Newly renovated, the miniature golf, arcade and laser tag centre is the perfect choice for families and groups of all sizes.

"Things are always changing and always improving," manager Brennan Davis says. "The black light miniature golf has always been a hit and now with the laser tag and bumper cars, it's really a good way to spend some time with some friends, family or that significant other. It's a lot of fun for everyone."

Whether you're a mini golf pro or playing your first round, the glow-in-the-dark features and art make an exciting course. Now with recent renovations, long-time U-Puttz fans will have some new holes to play.

"We have completely re-done everything," Davis says. "The artwork is amazing and the new props we have added

have made the play-ability on the course much better, providing a unique mini golf experience and a new challenge for returning players."

Davis says players will enjoy newly upgraded hole #15.

"It features our new dinosaur fossil plinko prop in which you play up a ramp and the ball gets sent through the plinko board which, if you're lucky, could place you with a favourable shot, or on the other hand, can leave you with a challenging second shot."

It's all in how you play the game.

Not only does U-Puttz offer entertainment for all ages and abilities, it's also a great value for families with wristband tickets that allow guests to access all of the centre's areas for one price.

"The black light mini golf is a great option because it's something that people of all ages can participate in," Davis says. "It's a great activity for large groups as well being able to fit up to 72 people at any point on the course."

The large space makes it ideal for work outings and friends, while at the same time making a great setting for a first (or 10th) date.

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REVIEW

Spark gets the job done if you're realistic about needs

Jill McIntosh
For Metro Canada



While used cars are usually a less-expensive way to get into vehicle ownership, there are a few manufacturers offering base models competitive with pre-owned. At Chevrolet, that's the base \$9,995 Spark.

At that price, you could probably get a used vehicle with more options, but the Spark comes with a full warranty and, for many, is easier to finance.

You don't get all the goodies for that price, and the base Spark comes with a manual transmission, crank-down windows, no power locks, and — the kiss of death for many — no air conditioning. On the base trim, A/C comes bundled with an automatic continuously variable transmission (CVT), bringing the cheapest air-equipped model to \$13,895. At its most expensive, the Spark tops out at \$18,195.

The Spark uses a 1.4-litre four-cylinder engine that makes just 98 horsepower, but

the car's light, and matched with my tester's surprisingly smooth stick shift, it's decently peppy.

The handling could be sharper and the turning radius is wide, but it gets you where you're going. And, as I kept reminding myself, it's 10 grand.

Its closest competitor is the Nissan Micra, and when the Spark's pricing was announced, Nissan dropped its tag by \$10 to bring in the Micra at \$9,988 and retain its title as Canada's least-expensive automobile.

The Micra is slightly more powerful at 109 horsepower, and its sharper handling and tight turning makes it better to drive, but the Spark gives you a longer powertrain warranty and more content for the cash.

It has 10 airbags to the Micra's six, better published fuel economy, and its large touchscreen infotainment system packs in a rearview camera, phone app integration, and a USB port that the base Micra lacks.

The most important thing with any inexpensive model is to be realistic about what you can and can't live without.

Then compare apples to apples, because a pricier model may ultimately be cheaper when you add the "gotta-have-it" options to a less-expensive one. Still, for many drivers, this base Spark might just have everything they need.

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The handling could be sharper and the turning radius is wide, but it gets you where you're going.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 CHEVROLET SPARK

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, four-passenger subcompact hatchback

Engine (hp/torque). 1.4-litre four-cylinder (98/94)

Transmissions. Five-speed manual or automatic CVT

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POINTS

- The base model doesn't contain air conditioning and while you can add it to the lowest trim level, you also have to include an automatic transmission.
- The regular Spark lineup runs on gas only, but it's also available as an all-electric.

MARKET POSITION

Built in South Korea, the Spark is only available as a hatchback. It's slightly larger than the Aveo that it replaced, but smaller than the compact Sonic, the next model up in Chevrolet's lineup.

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Porsche to sacrifice profit growth to fund electric vehicles

Porsche is so serious about developing electrified vehicles that it's willing to sacrifice big profits to fund the investment, the automaker says. After a \$765 US upgrade to its Zuffenhausen plant, Porsche will begin building the Mission E electric luxury sports car there in 2020. Altogether, Porsche will invest \$1.2 billion US to make additional electrified vehicles possible, reports Reuters. With that level of investment, "it is clear that we can no longer carry out major leaps on (financial) results," said CEO Oliver Blume.

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Four-door fix

Already sold in other markets, the sedan version of the Mitsubishi Mirage subcompact is coming to North America this spring. The Japan automaker showed the four-door Mirage G4 at a recent auto show, sporting a suspension tuned specifically for North American ride preferences. It also has bigger brakes than the Mirages sold in other countries. Other than the trunk and mildly different styling, the G4 is largely the same as the updated 2017 Mirage hatchback. The sedan also shares the hatchback's 1.2-litre three-cylinder engine that drives the front wheels through either a five-speed manual transmission or continuously variable "automatic." Horsepower is up four to 78 while the torque is unchanged at 74 pound-feet.

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Following a first-round playoff exit, Dirk Nowitzki insists he isn't retiring and is all but certain he'll return to the Mavericks for a 19th season

Bison tops rankings

CFL

Scouts like Onyemata but similar interest down south

Josiah St. John could still go first overall in next month's CFL draft.

St. John dropped down to fifth on the final top-20 prospects list released Tuesday. But the four prospects ranked ahead of him by the CFL's scouting bureau — Manitoba defensive tackle David Onyemata, Iowa receiver Tevaun Smith, Boston College Mehdi Abdesmad and Michigan State defensive back Arjen Colquhoun — are all garnering serious interest south of the border.

The NFL draft begins Thursday in Chicago and should the quartet sign NFL deals either as draftees or priority free agents, that would leave St. John as the highest remaining prospect for the CFL draft May 10.

The six-foot-six, 308-pound Oklahoma Sooners offensive tackle admits he's thought of being taken No. 1 in the CFL draft.

"I actually have," he said Tuesday during a CFL conference call. "But until it happens, it's really an unknown thing."

"But if I was No. 1, I'd be very happy and very proud. My family would enjoy it also and I'd get to go to Saskatchewan and contribute to the team."

The Saskatchewan Roughriders, who posted a league-worst 3-15 record last year, have the



David Onyemata rushes the passer during the East-West Shrine Game in St. Petersburg, Fla., in January. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

first overall selection but head coach/GM Chris Jones has said he'll listen to offers for the top pick.

The six-foot-four, 300-pound Onyemata topped the final rankings after standing second behind Smith in December. Smith was No. 2 on Tuesday's list.

Abdesmad is third ahead of Colquhoun. Abdesmad, of Montreal, was fourth in December behind Colquhoun, a native of Windsor, Ont.

The CFL draft is so hard to (predict) where players are going to go so you just have to be ready when your name is called.

Acadia receiver Brian Jones

St. John, a native of Ajax, Ont., went to No. 5 after standing third in December.

Rounding out the top-10 are Laval offensive lineman Charles Vaillancourt, Montana State line-

backer Alex Singleton (who was unranked in December), Virginia defensive lineman Trent Corney, Laval offensive lineman Philippe Gagnon and Acadia receiver Brian Jones, who was 18th four

months ago.

"It's nice to see people acknowledge how well you did at combine and your name jump up a bit but again, at the end of the day it's just a list," a philosophical Jones said. "Teams pick their players in respects to their needs."

"It's not really the end all but at the same time it's nice to see where stack up with other players across the country."

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Tavares putting Isles on his back

The New York Islanders have been John Tavares' team from the moment he was the No. 1 overall pick seven years ago.

After enduring four losing seasons in his first five, the captain has led the team to consecutive playoff appearances and gave the rabid fans the signature playoff victory they've been craving for 23 years.

Tavares says the Islanders aren't done yet.

"We want to keep this thing going," he said.

"We got a special group and we believe we can do something special."

Tavares has already done something special in the first round of this year's playoffs.



When he plays the right way, it's contagious for our group ... He's a great leader for our hockey club.

Islanders coach Jack Capuano

In Game 6 of the first round against Florida, he swooped in and scored the tying goal with less than 54 seconds remaining and then got the winner at 10:41 of the second overtime to send the Islanders to the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1993 — when they reached the conference finals.

"It's about leadership of your team," Islanders coach Jack Capuano said. "It's about your captain, it starts with him. Basically that's probably the main reason why we're moving on."

The Islanders will face Tampa Bay in the second round, with Game 1 on Wednesday night on the Lightning's home ice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

DeRozan breaks out in Raptors' win

DeMar DeRozan finally produced the kind of performance that earned him NBA all-star honours — the result was a crucial Game 5 victory for the Toronto Raptors.

DeRozan poured in 34 points to lift the Raptors 102-99 over the Indiana Pacers, giving Toronto a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven series.

DeRozan, who'd struggled for three of the four previous games, was superb, shooting 10-for-22 in a nail-biter that

GAME 5 In Toronto



saw Toronto trail through three quarters, including an early 17-point deficit.

Paul George led Indiana with 39 points.

Game 6 goes Friday in Indianapolis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



NBA IN BRIEF

Kerr named coach of year

Steve Kerr is the NBA's coach of the year, after leading the Golden State Warriors to the best regular-season record in league history.

Portland's Terry Stotts was second in voting. San Antonio's Gregg Popovich was third.

Though Kerr missed the Warriors' first 43 games this season while recovering from back surgeries, Golden State finished the season 73-9.

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NFL

Manziel indicted in alleged attack

An attorney for former Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel calls the indictment against him "incredible" and said Tuesday that the way it's been handled so far suggests there are problems with the case.

Manziel was indicted Tuesday on allegations by ex-girlfriend Colleen Crowley that he hit her and threatened to kill her in late January. Crowley said in court documents that Manziel struck her so hard that she temporarily lost hearing in one ear, and



Johnny Manziel
GETTY IMAGES

the indictment accuses him "forcing (her) into a vehicle and against a vehicle dashboard."

Manziel faces a charge of misdemeanor assault related to family violence, which carries up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

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*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

This is a lovely day! It is an especially positive day for dealing with authority figures — parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police. Not only are people friendly, they are sympathetic. (We like.)

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

This is a great day to travel or do something out of the ordinary, because you feel adventurous. Explore new ideas and see new places. Break free from your daily routine.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

Discussions about shared property or how to divide something will go well today, because people feel mutually sympathetic. Why not take advantage of these good vibes?

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

Relationships with partners and close friends will be warm and friendly today. This is also a good day to talk to members of the general public. Meanwhile, exchanges with bosses are great. Glory hallelujah!

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

This is a positive day at work. You might even want to ask for a raise or a favour from a co-worker, because things are going your way. (Make hay while the sun shines.)

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Fun events will appeal to you today. This is a good day for playful activities with children or a romantic date, because sports, the theater, minivacations and social diversions will please you.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

This is an excellent day to entertain at home or to deal with family members. Plus, it's an excellent day to explore real-estate opportunities. You might want to buy something for your home.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Because your communication skills are excellent today, this is a strong time for those of you who sell, market, teach, write or act. Go for broke!

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Business and commerce are favoured today. In fact, many of you might see ways to boost your income or make a little money on the side.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. Because Neptune is in the picture as well, you feel sympathetic and easygoing with everyone.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Solitude in beautiful surroundings will please you today. Why? Because you would rather relax than work.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

This is a popular day for Pisces. Enjoy the company of others, especially close friends.

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• 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
• salt and pepper
• 1 teaspoon oil
• 1 minced shallot
• 2 cloves garlic, minced
• 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
• 1/4 cup apple cider
• 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 425°. Generously season chicken with

salt and pepper. Add 1 teaspoon oil to a large room-temperature skillet. Add chicken.

2. Place skillet over medium heat and cook, allowing meat to brown and chicken is cooked halfway through, about 10 minutes.

3. Transfer skillet to oven. Roast until chicken is cooked through and golden brown, about 6-8 minutes. Transfer chicken pieces from bottom of skillet to a platter.

4. Return skillet to medium heat. Add shallot and garlic; cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 1 minute.

3. Whisk in Dijon mustard, apple cider, broth and a bit more salt and pepper; cook for about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet along with juices that have settled on the platter to rewarm and then serve.

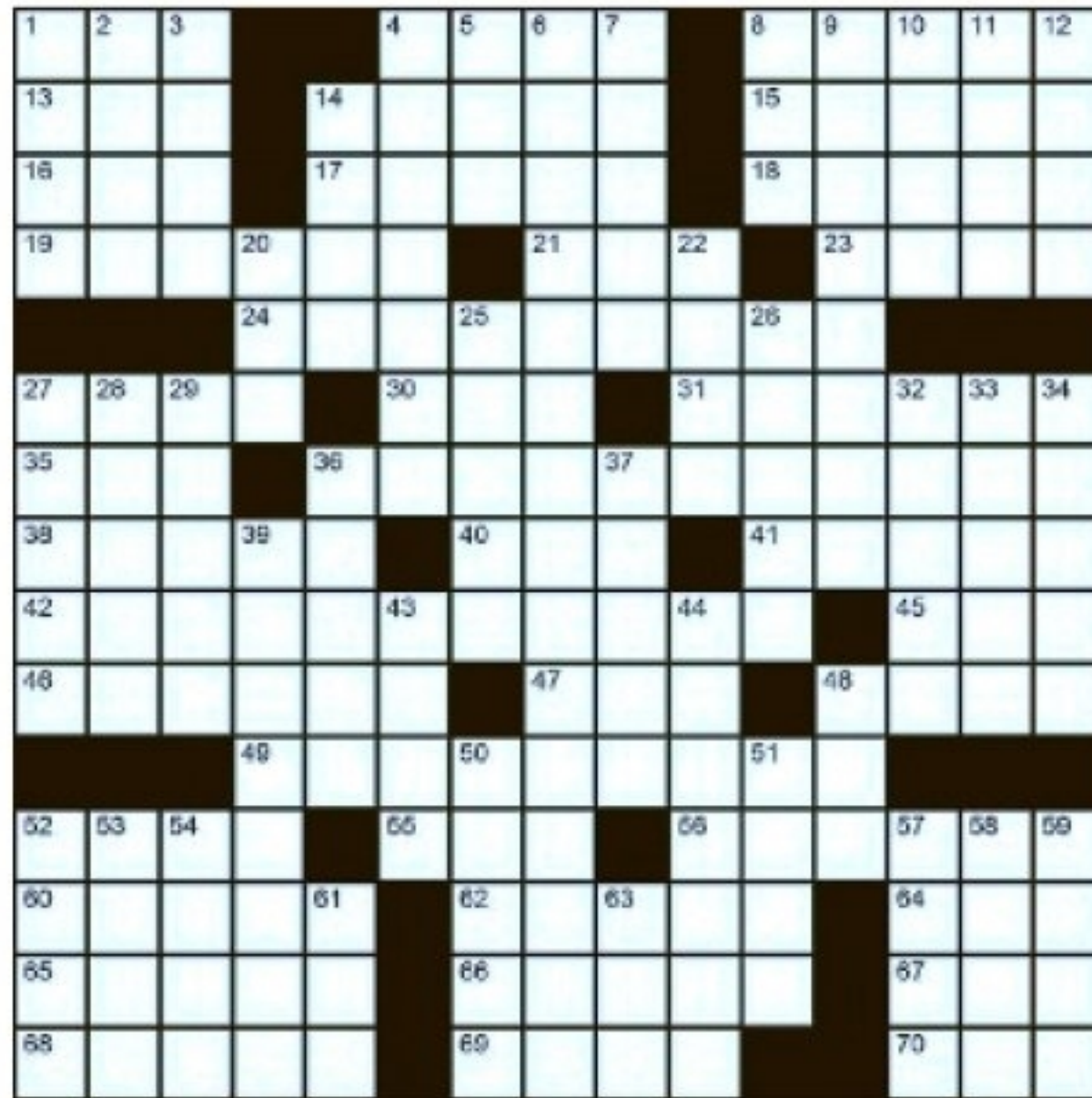
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ACROSS

1. Mo. it's been for the past 27 days
4. "Dancing with the Stars" pro Ms. Murgatroyd
8. Worried
13. Mr. Ferrigno
14. Reasoning
15. "Atlantic City" (1980) director Louis
16. Bronze
17. "___ die for!"
18. Originated
19. Regular
21. Particular PC port
23. Faith Hill country tune: "Take ___ I Am"
24. Rexall or Shoppers
27. Montreal-born humourist Mort
30. Org. with a yearly tax return deadline
31. Square Dancing call
35. Ms. Gardner
36. Canada's pared-down cable TV package, as it is nicknamed: 2 wds.
38. Dampened
40. Tokyo, once
41. Map detail
42. Gordon Lightfoot song that goes "Echo to her footsteps as soft as eider down": 2 wds.
45. 4WD truck
46. 'Dangerous Woman' singer Ms. Grande
47. Antiquated
48. Trump
49. Crime scene investigative tests
52. Standing-in-front-of-



- a-mirror reflection
55. Mr. Roth
 56. Financial
 60. Toss one into the wishing well: 2 wds.
 62. Do well on that exam: 2 wds.
 64. Latin 'eggs'
 65. Record play-

- er, for short
66. Stanley of "Julie & Julia" (2009)
 67. Unhigh
 68. Bachman-Cummings creations
 69. Renaissance family
 70. Beard of grain

DOWN

1. Mr. Cumming
2. Corn dog
3. Repenter
4. Casseroles party
5. Teeny 'for instances'
6. Shakespearean tragedy: 2 wds.

7. At ___ (With consequences)
8. Ms. Thurman
9. Spaghetti sprinkle
10. Gin flavouring
11. "Born Free" (1966) lioness
12. Pegs

14. Fibber
20. Nero's 1550
22. Murder mystery discovery
25. Norwegian composer, Edvard ___ (b.1843 - d.1907)
26. Songbird sort
27. Ballroom dance
28. Intro-to-French verb
29. Island of Hispaniola nation
32. Topic
33. Atkins, and others
34. Band of eight
36. Reporter's li'l pad
37. Sir Coward's
39. Human Resources concern
43. One-of-a-kind
44. Building
48. "Funny Girl" (1968) star ...her initials-sharers
50. Gladden
51. ___ Field (NY Mets ballpark)
52. Drains
53. "___ Beach" by Martha & The Muffins
54. Diving bird
57. Coca-___
58. Profess
59. Yard's 'carpet'
61. Refusals
63. 'Dial' add-on

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